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TRANSITIONAL CENTS

1858 Indian cent, transitional issue. Obverse and reverse identical in design to the regular issue 1859 cent. Rarer than the 1856 flying eagle cent, a transitional coin of similar nature. Brilliant Unc. $375.00. Brilliant Proof $600.00

1859 cent. With reverse of 1860 the shield and oak wreath design. Brilliant Uncirculated 135.00

1863 cent. Struck on a thin bronze planchet-type of 1864 bronze without L. Brilliant Proof 200.00

We wish to take this opportunity to wish all of our customers and readers a most successful and enjoyable 1960. We are grateful for your patronage during the past year; the busiest year we have ever had. During the coming months we will do our best to make your numismatic year a most pleasant one. As in the past, Empire Coin Company offers you a complete numismatic service . . . whether you are interested in buying, selling or in numismatic research and study.

The 1942 pattern "cent" described in our last issue attracted a considerable amount of attention. As a result, additional knowledge concerning the piece has come to light. The piece described in LT#8 was struck in plastic. We now know of specimens struck in bronze, white metal and zinc coated steel. A zinc coated piece in FF condition has been consigned to us to be sold for $275.00, should anyone be interested. This 1942 in zinc coated steel is of special interest as the forerunner of the 1943 cents in the same metal. The obverse design of this pattern piece was taken from the two-centavo piece of Colombia of the same year (the Colombia pieces were produced under contract at the Philadelphia mint). The reverse design was borrowed from a pattern U. S. quarter eagle (AW #218) of 1860! Thanks to Ken Bressett of Whitman Publishing Company who furnished most of the above information.

In our auction of March 31, 1959 lot #10 was an 1867 Indian cent with the final 7 in the date cut over a previous 7 from a different punch. We stated in the description of the lot that "We believe a dime punch was used in error and then a regular sized numeral was punched over the original smaller and more delicate figure. The small 7 is clear and sharp above the regular figure . . . We have been unable to locate a single other example. The coin offered in this lot was in brilliant uncirculated condition. A lot of people read this description and then looked at their own 1867's. Although only one other uncirculated specimen has been reported to us, nearly a dozen worn pieces have turned up in the months since the auction. Most of these are in good condition or thereabouts.

Dr. J. Hewitt Judd's long-awaited book, *United States Pattern, Experimental and Trial Pieces*, has been released by Whitman Publishing Company. This book is a much

[illegible] at **United States Pattern, Trial and Experimental Pieces,** the [illegible] book [illegible] what an [illegible] title by Edgar H. Adams and William H. Woodin. The A.W. entries, at [illegible] were often highly [illegible] and misleading. For instance, the A.W. [illegible] states that from 56 to 59 specimens are known of the 1866 quarter dollar and silver dollar without IN GOD WE TRUST when in reality only one or two specimens have ever been located. Dr. Judd's revised rarity ratings are more accurate and are generally consistent with our own notes on the series. An attempt has been made at reflecting market prices for most of the coins listed. In many cases the prices are conservative, sometimes greatly so. We would gladly pay from six to eight times the quoted price of $80 for an 1865 type of 67 two cent piece, and this is just one example. However, as stated in the preface, the pricing is necessarily tentative and will be revised in future editions as more price information becomes available. There are many previously unlisted patterns included in the Judd book. Of particular interest are the illustrated descriptions of the extremely rare silver patterns of 1916 and the Saint-Gaudens gold patterns of 190[illegible]. Appendices to the book describe the trials, mint errors, pieces struck outside of the U.S. mints and false pieces. The last appendix is of value as it identifies the electrotypes and counterfeits that were included as regular pieces in the A.W. book. Like its predecessor, the new Judd book is profusely illustrated with hundreds of halftones. The two hundred and fifty-three pages of information and knowledge seem to be well worth the book's $10 price.

Speaking of books, your editor is nearing completion of a new reference covering the Massachusetts copper coinage of 1787 and 1788. We would like to hear from anyone who collects these coins by Miller-Ryder or Crosby numbers. We would also be appreciative for any contemporary newspaper comments as well as any other new information pertaining to the early Massachusetts cents and half cents.

As always, this issue contains an extensive [illegible] of U.S. coins to [illegible]. In addition to [illegible] and regular U.S. [illegible] there is an [illegible] large selection of [illegible] of Civil War [illegible]. Many [illegible] suggest that [illegible] when [illegible] [illegible] 1[illegible] [illegible] Greek [illegible] W[illegible]

QUESTIONS FROM READERS

In some old catalogues I notice that many mintmarked Saint-Gaudens double eagles were selling ten years ago at prices much above those of today. What is the explanation for this?

How rare is the 1861-S Paquet reverse double eagle?

Despite the large quantities coined, apparently very few of the mintmarked Saint-Gaudens double eagles, especially those of the nineteen twenties, found their way into circulation or into collectors' hands. Most of these were supposed to have been melted by the Treasury and subsequently melted into bullion in 1933. Up until a few years ago, many of these coins were rarities. It is not difficult to find sales records of a 1924-S double eagle selling for over one thousand dollars, to name just one of the rare dates.

Several years ago it was discovered that quantities of U.S. gold half eagles, eagles and double eagles were stored in other countries, particularly in European banks. The search for rare dates began. In the double eagle series most of the previously rare Carson City coins as well as most of the vaunted mintmarked rarities of 1924-1927 have been located in quantities sufficient to drive prices down to fractions of their former levels. One outstanding exception, however, is the 1927-D. This date remains legitimately rare. To our knowledge no new specimens have turned up within the past year or two.

We would estimate that of the 19,250 1861-S Paquet double eagles coined at least a dozen are known today. Most of these are from foreign hoards and have come on the market within recent years. The ones we have seen are uniformly in very fine condition or so, and are well bagmarked. We do not know of a choice mint condition example.

I have seen reference to a book by Maris describing 1794 large cents. Is this a source of useful information for cents of this date?

Varieties of the Copper Issues of the U.S. Mint in the Year 1794, a fifteen page booklet written by Dr. Edward Maris and published in 1869, describes twenty-three different 1794 cents and five different half cents of the same year. It is not [illegible] today's history of [illegible] information [illegible] available in Dr. Sheldon's *Early American Cents* and *Penny Whimsy*.

Dr. Maris [illegible] [illegible] Dr. Maris [illegible] Dr. [illegible] Cents, Philadelphia, Hoff, Mantua, Hoff, Margaret, Hoff, Vesta, Maris, [illegible] American [illegible] Hoff [illegible]

When were the 1851 proof dollars restruck?

Inasmuch as the 1851 restrike silver dollar is known with at least two different reverses (one reverse has the lettering sharply double cut and is the rarer of the two; the other has perfect lettering) it may be presumed that they were restruck on more than one occasion. The Mint had a reverse die without motto (type of 1840-1866) on hand in 1876, ten years after the type was discontinued. This die was used in 1875 and 1876 on various pattern dollars (see Adams-Woodin nos. 1423-5 of 1875 and 1494-5 of 1876). Several years ago we compared the reverses of an 1851 restrike and an AW 1494 pattern dollar and found them to be from the same reverse die (minute traces of rust on the two reverses corresponded exactly). As we also have seen 1851 dollars without rust spots and with the previously mentioned double cut lettering we can only conclude that they were restruck over a period of years, probably mainly in the 1860's and 1870's, a period that produced restrikes of many famous coins as well as such anomalous rarities as the 1866 silver proof coins without reverse motto and the 1868 large cent. Private profit for Mint officials apparently furnished the incentive to strike almost anything that would find a market with collectors of the time.

In your estimation how many 1955 double die cents were coined? How many are in the possession of collectors?

We have information allegedly originating with a Mint employee that approximately 16,000 pieces were coined. The entire amount was produced in one day from a single pair of dies. The 1955 double die coins were discovered in the afternoon of that day. The offending die was removed from the press and about 24,000 pieces on hand were scheduled for remelting. The remaining 1955 double die cents, somewhat over 20,000 pieces, had already been mixed with other coins for shipment. It was decided to release these into circulation. As it subsequently developed, most of the 1955 double die cents appeared in New England (particularly in western Massachusetts near Pittsfield and Springfield) and in upstate New York. We remember when they turned up locally and were first selling for around twenty-five cents apiece!

It is difficult to estimate the number known to collectors. A Boston dealer friend says that at least one thousand have passed through his hands in the intervening years since 1955. We have handled several hundred specimens, with a retail value of somewhat over $25,000, ourselves. We know of no other dealers who have made a specialty of this coin or who have handled more than a small number of specimens. Very few dealers have even a single 1955 double die cent in stock. As a matter of incidental interest, we have never seen or owned an uncirculated bank-wrapped roll of these coins—despite our repeated roll purchase offer of $5250.

There are probably not more than two or three thousand, if that many, 1955 double die cents in "captivity" at present. They are unquestionably much rarer than the 1909-S V.D.B.

TERMS OF SALE

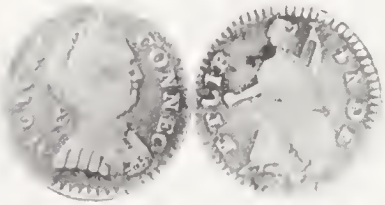
1. Preference given to orders with remittance enclosed. Check or money order preferred to cash. An order blank and postpaid envelope have been provided for your convenience. Approvals only to those who have established previous credit with us. The usual three day approval and return period applies in all instances.

2. A prompt refund will be given on all unfilled orders. No credit slips or delayed payments. A list of second choices will be appreciated and will be used only when the first items requested have been sold.

3. No minimum order. We pay postage and private insurance costs on all orders, regardless of size. Coin orders airmailed outside of the Pennsylvania-New York area.

4. All items are guaranteed to be as represented. If, for any reason, you find an item to be unsatisfactory a prompt refund will be given. Our best customer is a satisfied customer.

COLONIAL AND STATE COINS



Massachusetts Bay Colony

Oak tree shilling. Fair, date and denomination clear. $10.00). Fair holed	5.00
Oak tree twopence. Abt. Good, most of inscription visible. Scarce	18.00
Pine tree shilling. Abt. Good. Clear date and denomination	22.50

Maryland

Lord Baltimore shilling in silver. Abt. Fine. Rare	100.00

Mark Newby (N.J., 1678)

Halfpenny. Very Good	15.50
Farthing. VG & 50. Fine	16.00

Virginia

1773 halfpenny. Period after GEORGIVS. Uncirculated	6.50
1773 halfpenny. Scarce no period variety. VG	5.50

Rosa Americana pieces

1723 Halfpenny. Crowned rose. VG-Fine	[illegible]
1723 Twopence. Fine	16.00

Hibernia (Wood's coinage)

1722 Halfpenny. Harp at left. Rare, nonwithstanding low catalog valuations. Very Fine 11.00
1723 Halfpenny. VF $5.25, choice AU $12.50, lustrous brown Uncirculated, scarce 19.50
1723 Farthing. Fine 5.00
1724 Farthing. VG-Fine 6.00

Vermont
1786 Sun rising over mountains design. Good 6.75

New Jersey
Specially priced collections of New Jersey cents. Each coin is in Good or better condition and is separately enveloped and identified.
One New Jersey Cent 4.00
Five different New Jersey cents 17.50
Ten different New Jersey cents 42.50
Twenty-five different N.J. cents—difficult set to assemble 95.00

Nova Constellatio coppers
1785 Pointed rays. Abt. G $2.75, Good $3.50, VG 4.75

New York (Nova Eborac issues)
1787 Nova Eborac. Good $6.50, Very Good 8.50

French Colonies
1722 Sou. Mintmark II. Good 3.50
1767 Sou. Counterstamped R.F. Fine 7.00

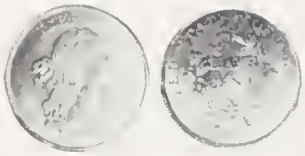
Kentucky
(1790) Kentucky cent. AU $16.00, choice Brown Unc. 25.00

1796 Castorland medals—official restrikes
[illegible]

Talbot Allum & Lee cents
1794 Fine 6.[illegible]

Washington Items
1785 Military Bust. G-VG $4.75, LE, slight roughness 8.[illegible]
1785 UNITY STATES. Very Fine 8.50
1785 Draped bust. Good $4.50, Fine [illegible]
1785 Double head cent. G-VG $5.75. Gloss, brown Uncirculated, rare. From an old English collection [illegible]
1785 Draped bust. Copper restrike. Oblique reeding on edge. Scarce 17.50
1791 Cent. Small eagle reverse. LE 27.50
1793 Ship halfpenny. VF-LE 15.00
(1795) undated penny. LIBERTY AND SECURITY. Choice Unc. with prooflike surface. A rarity in this condition 57.50

HALF CENTS



[illegible] First year of issue. One of the most popular coins of the half cent series. VG $85.00, VG-Fine [illegible]
1794 Abt. G $17.50, VG-Fine $[illegible].50. Obverse choice VF, reverse same except for numeral 2 engraved at center [illegible]
1795 Abt. G $12.50, punctuated date, center of reverse weak (this is characteristic). F-VF $42.50, [illegible] variety, small mint clip on edge. F-VF [illegible]
1797 Fair $[illegible].50. Good $1[illegible].50, VG $22.50, Fine [illegible]
1797 the rare lettered edge. Abt. G obverse (date is sharp). [illegible] reverse [illegible]
[illegible] the extremely rare gripped edge variety. Less than a half dozen specimens known. Abt. Good features distinguishable [illegible]
1802 Good, rare [illegible]
1803 Good $2.75. Very Good [illegible]
1804 Very Good [illegible]
1804 pl. 4, stemless. VF $[illegible] Brown Uncirculated [illegible]
1805 [illegible] with [illegible] VG [illegible]
[illegible] VG [illegible] VF [illegible]
[illegible] Good [illegible] Very Good [illegible]
[illegible] Good [illegible]
[illegible] Good [illegible] VG [illegible] Fine [illegible]
[illegible] Fine [illegible]
[illegible] VG [illegible] VG [illegible] Fine [illegible]

1809 circle inside 0. F-VF 7.50

1810 Fair $1.00, Fine $9.00, F-VF $14.00. Uncirculated, red and brown, with original lustrous surface. We have never seen an 1810 half cent to be equal of this piece. The Guidebook valuation of $65 is meaningless for a truly Uncoin. A really prize half cent 160.00

1811 rare date. Good $14.50, Very Fine, finely pebbled surface 42.50

1825 F-VF 4.75

1826 Good $2.00, VG $3.00, VF, small detect 4.00

1828 13 stars. Fine $3.75; VF $4.50; Extremely Fine 6.00

1828 the interesting 12 star variety. Good $5.50, Fine 7.50

1832 Very Fine $4.00, Extremely Fine 7.00

1833 Fine $3.25, Extremely Fine 6.25

1834 VG $2.50, VF $4.25, EF 6.25

1835 Fine $2.75. Beautiful brown Uncoin with full cartwheel lustre 10.50

1837 token. HALF CENT WORTH OF PURE COPPER. F-VF $14.00, Extremely Fine 19.75

1849 large date. VF $12.00, EF 15.00

1850 Fine $5.50, Very Fine 6.50

1851 VF $4.50, EF 5.50

1852 Brilliant Proof. We recently noticed a similar restrike priced at $240.00 175.00

1853 Extremely Fine 6.00

1854 VF $4.50, Extremely Fine 6.00

1855 Very Fine $4.00, Extremely Fine 6.00

1857 VG $7.00, EF initials scratched in obv. field. Worth $4.50, Brilliant Uncirculated 27.50

LARGE CENTS

1793 First year of this denomination. Wreath type. Abt. Good, most details visible. An acceptable specimen of this rare date 15.00

1794 Fair 4.00

1794 Sheldon #30, Maris *Imiable Face.* Very Good plus $13.00; Sharp VF-EF, a really beautiful cent. Ex Hines, Sheldon and H. K. Downing collections. Illustrated below, left column 79.50

1794 S-48. **The famous Starred reverse.** The Starred reverse has long been considered as the most famous 1794 cent, and, indeed, it deserves this reputation for it is one of the most unusual items ever produced at the Mint. A circle of very small five-pointed stars, one between each denticle point, is on on the reverse. Dr. Sheldon, writing of the fame of this particular variety, states that "Collectors mention it with religious awe." The piece here offered has a Fine obverse and a VG reverse thus making it a condition census item. We note a specimen in similar condition advertised in the November "Numismatic Scrapbook Magazine" for $520.00 295.00

1794 S-65, the *Shielded Hair.* Fine/VG 20.00

1795 plain edge. Fair $3.75; Very Good, slight edge chip made at time of striking 16.00

1796 Fair (last numeral barely shows) $4.00, Abt. Good, clear obverse features 8.00

1797 rev. '96 Abt. G 6.95

1797 S-141, Rarity 6. This VF 20 coin falls well within the condition census. Book value (4x20x$1½) equals $120.00. A good buy for 85.00

1798 Fair $1.50, G-VG $1.25, S-168 VF $20.00, S-184 choice EF 35.00

> 1799/8 S-188 VF 35. Perfect, save for a small chip out of the planchet on the obverse right edge. A top-condition piece, one of the finest known of this rarity. Book value ($20x35x2) is $1,000.00. If you want the best, this is it $850.00

1800 S-199. Good, unevenly worn. Rare 12.50

1801 Abt. G $2.00. Famous three-error variety. Abt. G $6.00, Good 12.00

1802 Abt. Good $1.75, G-VG $4.00. Stemless, single fraction bar. Good 1.00

1802 S-232 T in LIBERTY cut over previous Y. Choice Extremely Fine 17.50

1803 Abt. G $1.35, Good $2.25, VG-Fine 3.75

1804 Mint restrike. One of the most interesting and crude-appearing items ever made at the mint 40.00

1805 Abt. G $2.00, Good 3.75

1806 Abt. G $5.00, Good $8.75; Fine VF 26.50

1807/6 Abt. G. Overdate very clear 2.25

1807 Abt. G $2.00, Good $3.75; Comet var. Good 5.50

[illegible] Abt Good [illegible] 5.50
1803 Large [illegible] 5.00
1810 2 overdate Good 1.00
1810 Good 3.75
1811 Good 2.75
1815 Abt G $1.75 $6.50 Fine 15.00
1814 Good $2.75 Very Good 3.75
1816 Good $1.60, Choice lustrous red and brown Uncirculated 25.00
1817 Good $3.15 Fine $5.25, Brilliant Uncirculated 25.00
1817 The unusual 15 star variety Good 3.25
1818 Good $.95, EF $2.00, Brown Unc $15.00, Brilliant Uncirculated Note The large cents 1816-1839 with original brilliance and lustre are becoming increasingly difficult to locate 25.00
1819 Good $1.25 Fine $2.75 Very Fine 3.25
1820 Very Good 1.25
1821 G-VG Scarce date 5.00
1822 Abt G $.90 Good $1.25 Fine $4.00, VF-EF 6.50
1823 2 overdate Abt Good 5.25
1823 Abt G $7.50, Good $12.00 VG Fine $20.00, Fine 25.00
1828 restrike Struck from cracked obverse die 27.50
1824 2 overdate Very Good 4.75
1824 G-VG $1.75 Fine 4.00
1825 Good $1.50 Fine 4.00
1826 Good 1.35
1827 G $1.00, VG $1.50, Choice Very Fine 5.00
1828 Small date Good $1.75, VG 2.75
1829 EF Good $1.25, S. F Good 2.25
1830 Good 1.00
1831 Good $1.00, S Fet Choice VF 3.00
1832 Good $1.15 Fine 3.00
1833 Good $1.00 Fine $2.75, Very Fine 3.50
1834 G $1.55, VG $1.75, Fine $3.75 Very Fine 4.75
1835 Good 1.10
1836 G $1.25 VG $1.5 Fine 3.00
1837 VG $1.25 BHC $1 Fine $5.00 BHC Fine 3.50
1838 Fine 3.50
1839 type 88 Fine $4.75, Bloody, VG $3.00 type 83 Very Good 2.75
1840 Very Good 1.50
1841 Good 1.25
1842 VG $1.25 Fine $3.00 VF EF 6.30
1843 Good $1 type 1 EF-AU $10.00 Obv 1 Rev 11 Choice VF EF [illegible] the most popular of [illegible] 22.50
1844 Good Fine
1845 Fine 1.65
1846 G-VG $1.00 Fine 1.50
1847 G-VG $1.00 Fine [illegible] Very Good 1.00
[illegible] VG [illegible] Fine [illegible]
[illegible] VF $[illegible] EF [illegible]

1850 VG $1.00 VF $1.50 EF $[illegible] Brilliant Unc [illegible]
1852 Fine $1.25 VF $1.65 Brown Unc [illegible]
1853 Fine $1.25 VF $1.65 Brilliant Unc Struck 1/10 off center [illegible]
1854 Fine $1.25 Very Fine [illegible]
1855 Fine $1.25 EF $2.50 Upright 55 Brown Unc $3.50 Brilliant Uncirculated [illegible]
1856 Very Fine [illegible]
1857 Large date Very Fine [illegible]
1857 small date Uncirculated, light brown Becoming very scarce [illegible]

FLYING EAGLE CENTS

1858 Abt Good $1.00 Fine $4.00 Brilliant Uncirculated 14.50
1858 Large letters Abt G $1.75 Very Fine 7.50
1858 Small letters Good $1.65 Fine $4.75 EF 11.5[illegible]

INDIAN CENTS

1858 Indian. Obverse identical to 1859 in all respects except the date Reverse laurel wreath identical to 1859 Extremely rare, fewer than two hundred pieces known Brilliant Uncirculated $575.00 Brilliant Proof [illegible]
1859 Abt G $.65, Good $1.00 Very Fine [illegible]
1859 rev. of '60 with shield An important and underrated transitional item Brilliant Fine [illegible]
1860 Very Fine [illegible]
1861 Sharp Very Fine scarce [illegible]
1863 Good $.60 AU [illegible]
1864 Copper-nickel Very Good $2.25, EF 5.[illegible]
1864 Bronze Abt G $.65 Brilliant Uncirculated [illegible]
1864 L Good (clear date, very lightly pointed bust) $5.00 1864 L VF (Sharp L) [illegible]
1865 Fine $.5[illegible] VG $.[illegible] EF [illegible]
1866 Good $[illegible] Fine $[illegible] Complete horns Extremely [illegible]
1867 Sharp VF EF [illegible]
1868 Abt [illegible] LIBERTY [illegible]
1869 Fine [illegible] Worn [illegible]
1870 Good [illegible]
1871 Poor $.[illegible] VG [illegible]
1872 Abt G [illegible] Good $[illegible] Choice AU [illegible] Choice [illegible] Very EF [illegible] AU [illegible] EF [illegible] AU $[illegible] Proof [illegible]

1875 Good $1.75, VF, rough surface 5.00
1876 VG $3.50; FF 12.00
1877 Very Good 46.00
1878 Very Good 3.50
1879 VG $.80; AU $5.75, Brilliant Uncirculated 10.00
1880 Good $.50, Light brown Unc 8.50
1881 Good $.50; Fine $1.50, Brown Unc. 7.50
1882 Good $.50, Brilliant Uncirculated 8.50
1883 Good $.50, Light brown Unc. $7.00; Brilliant Uncirculated 10.00
1884 EF $4.00; Brilliant Uncirculated 12.50
1885 Good $1.25, Extremely Fine 8.50
1886 Brilliant Uncirculated . . 12.50
1888 Brilliant Proof 11.00
1892 Brilliant Proof 12.00
1893 Very Fine 1.00
1895 Brilliant Proof 13.00
1908-S Fine $11.50, VF-FF $17.50; Brilliant Uncirculated ... 40.00
1909 Indian We've noticed quite a bit of interest in this date recently Perhaps this is justifiable as the 1909 is the rarest Philadelphia mint Indian since 1885. Brilliant Uncirculated . .. 5.50

LINCOLN CENTS

1909 V.D.B. Brilliant Uncirculated. A popular coin for type sets 1.35
1909 V.D.B. Choice Matte Proof. Extremely rare. Only 420 coined, but judging from the number that pass through our hands only a fraction of this amount survives today We know of a recent sale for $125.00 The specimen could not have been finer than the choice piece here offered for 115.00
1909-S V.D.B. Brilliant Uncirculated. The most popular coin of the Lincoln cents. 85.00
1909 without V.D.B Brilliant Uncirculated, scarce $3.50; Matte proof 17.50
1909-S Fine $8.50; F-VF $10.50; VF $12.00; EF $14.00, Brilliant Uncirculated 29.00
1910 Matte Proof 16.50
1910-S Brilliant Uncirculated 15.00
1911 Matte Proof 17.50
1912-D Brilliant Uncirculated 29.00
1912-S Brilliant Uncirculated 22.50
1913 Matte Proof 16.50
1913-D AU $13.00; Brilliant Uncirculated 21.00
1913-S Fine $2.00; FF $4.50; Choice AU 12.00
1914 Matte Proof rare 26.00
1914-D Abt Fine 3.00
1914-S Fine plus 3.75
1915 Brilliant Uncirculated 8.50
1915-D AU $1.25, Brilliant Uncirculated 9.00
1916 Matte Proof a definite rarity 17.50
1916-S AU, original lustre 7.00
1920-D Brilliant Uncirculated 19.00
1921-S VF $5.75; Brilliant Uncirculated 97.50
1923-S Fine $1.25; Brilliant Uncirculated 129.00
1924-D AU, cheap for 17.50
1924-S Fine $2.00; AU $17.50, Brilliant Unc. 39.50
1925-S Fine 1.00
1926 Brilliant Uncirculated 2.00
1926-S Fine $2.00; Extremely Fine 6.50
1927 Brilliant Uncirculated 2.10
1927-S Brilliant Uncirculated . 19.75
1931-D Brilliant Uncirculated 25.00
1931-S AU 12.75
1933 Brilliant Uncirculated 7.00
1933-D Brilliant Uncirculated . . 5.50
1937 Brilliant Proof 16.50
1938 Brilliant Proof 6.50
1939 Brilliant Proof . 4.00
1941 Brilliant Proof 3.25
1942 Brilliant Proof 3.00

1955 Double-die cents. Choice FF $59.50, choice AU 75.00
1955 Double-die cents — investor's groups. Three FF specimens $165.00; three AU specimens 217.50

TWO-CENT PIECES

1864 rare small motto. Good $18.00, Fine, WT weak $29.00; AU with lustre 65.00

1864 Small motto. Brilliant Proof, the first specimen we have handled in over a year The companion coin to the 1864 1 cent and the 1867 rays nickel in proof these three coins are among the most desired, yet least obtainable coins in American numismatics 1864 Small motto. Price on request

1864 Large motto FF 2.60
1865 Good $.55; VF $1.65, FF 2.50

1865 VG $1.00, Fine $2.25, VF $3.00, EF	[illegible]
1866 Good $.85, VG $1.25, Brilliant Unc	[illegible]
1868 VG $[illegible], Fine $[illegible], VF	[illegible]
1869 VG $1.40, VF $[illegible], EF	4.75
1870 Very Good	1.50
1871 VG Fine	[illegible]
1872 Very Fine	26.00
1873 Very rare, Brilliant Proof	165.00

NICKEL THREE-CENT PIECES

1865 AU, sharply double-cut date	4.00
1866 AU $[illegible], Brilliant Proof	42.50
1867 Brilliant Proof	20.00
1868 VF $1.25, Brilliant Proof	24.00
1869 Fine $1.25, Brilliant Proof	22.50
1870 VF $1.70, Brilliant Unc	5.75
1871 Good	1.00
1872 VF $2.25, Brilliant Uncirculated $9.00, Brilliant Proof	23.50
1873 Fine 1.25, AU $3.00, Brilliant Proof	17.00
1874 Fine $2.00, EF $3.50, Brilliant Uncirculated 10.50, Brilliant Proof	22.00
1875 Good $2.00, EF $6.00, Brilliant Uncirculated	16.00
1876 VG $2.00, Brilliant Proof	25.50
1877 Brilliant Proof, Rare	195.00
1878 Brilliant Proof, Scarce, Special Price	60.00
1879 Brilliant Proof	14.50
1880 Brilliant Proof	14.00
1881 Fine or better $.75, Brilliant Unc $4.25, Brilliant Proof	11.00
1882 Fine $.50, Brilliant Proof	11.00
1883 Brilliant Proof	13.50
1884 Brilliant Proof	14.00
1885 Brilliant Proof	14.50
1886 Brilliant Proof	14.50
1887/6 Overdate, Brilliant Proof	69.50
1888 EF [illegible], Brilliant Proof	13.00
1889 Brilliant Proof	13.50

SILVER THREE-CENT PIECES

1851 VG $[illegible], Fine $[illegible], Brilliant Uncirculated	[illegible]
1852 G Good $[illegible], EF $[illegible], Brilliant Uncirculated	[illegible]
1853 VF $[illegible], Brilliant Uncirculated	[illegible]
1854 EF [illegible], Brilliant Uncirculated	[illegible]
1855 Fine	[illegible]
1856 Fine [illegible] VG [illegible], Fine $[illegible], EF	[illegible]
1857 Fine	[illegible]
1858 AU, brilliant	[illegible]
1859 AU $6.00, Brilliant Fine $8.50, Brilliant Proof	[illegible]
1873 Brilliant Proof. Here's an undervalued item. Although it is equally as rare as the two-cent piece of the same date the 1873 silver three-cent piece sells for less than half the price	[illegible]

NICKELS

1866 first year with rays. Abt. G $.90, Good $1.25, Very Fine $[illegible], Extremely Fine	[illegible]
1867 with rays. One of the scarcest coins in this set. Abt. G $3.50, Very Fine	[illegible]
1868 no rays. Extremely Fine $[illegible], Brilliant Proof, scarce	[illegible]
1868 Very Fine	[illegible]
1870 Fair $.75, Good	[illegible]
1871 Abt. G clear date $12.50, Brilliant Uncirculated, a gem. Rare	[illegible]
1874 Brilliant Proof	[illegible]
1874 Fair 1.50, Brilliant Proof	[illegible]
1875 Brilliant Proof, rare	[illegible]
1876 Fair $1.50, Good $[illegible], EF $9.00, Brilliant Proof	[illegible]
1878 Brilliant Proof. Should be an excellent investment as this date and the 1877 are the only nickels from 1866 to date that were coined in Proof only—none for circulation	[illegible]
1879 Brilliant Proof, fairly scarce	[illegible]
1880 Fine, seldom seen in circulated condition $12.00, Brilliant Proof	[illegible]
1881 Fine $9.00, Brilliant Proof	[illegible]
1882 VG $1.25, Fine $2.50, Brilliant Proof	[illegible]
1883 sized VF $[illegible], EF $[illegible], Brilliant Proof	[illegible]

Liberty type

1883 with CENTS, Good $[illegible], Brilliant Unc	[illegible]
1884 Good	[illegible]
1885 G VG	[illegible]
1886 Good $[illegible], Brilliant Uncirculated	[illegible]
1887 VG $[illegible], Fine	[illegible]
1888 Fine $[illegible], Brilliant Proof	[illegible]
1889 Fine	[illegible]

1891 Brilliant Uncirculated $15.00; Brilliant Proof 16.50
1894 Abt. G. $1.00; Good 2.00
1899 Brilliant Uncirculated 13.00
1901 Brilliant Proof 18.50
1902 Brilliant Uncirculated 9.00
1903 AU $4.50; Brilliant Unc. $9.00, Brilliant Proof 15.00
1904 Brilliant Uncirculated 8.75
1905 Brilliant Uncirculated 8.50
1908 Brilliant Uncirculated 8.25
1909 Brilliant Proof 13.50
1911 Brilliant Unc. $8.25; Brilliant Proof 16.75
1912 Brilliant Uncirculated 7.50
1912-D VG $1.50, Fine 4.75
1912-S Good $9.75, VG-Fine 11.75
Five different Liberty nickels in Fine to VF condition 4.75

Buffalo type

1913 type I. VF $.75, Brilliant Uncirculated 3.00
1913 type II Brilliant Uncirculated 3.50
1913-S type II F-VF $23.00; Brilliant Uncirculated, rare 67.50
1914 EF $2.00; Brilliant Uncirculated 5.25
1914-D Very Good 6.00
1915 Brilliant Uncirculated 7.00
1915-D Fine-VF 4.25
1915-S Fine $6.00; Brilliant Uncirculated 35.00
1916 Brilliant Unc. $5.75; Matte Proof, very rare 45.00
1918/7-D overdate The rarest coin of the Buffalo series. Good $37.50, VG $47.50, choice F-VF rare so choice 175.00
1919 Brilliant Uncirculated 7.25
1919-S VG 3.50
1920-S or D Fine each 4.00
1921 Brilliant Uncirculated 9.50
1921-S Good, special price of only 2.50
1923 Brilliant Uncirculated 6.25
1924 Brilliant Uncirculated 8.00
1924-D F-VF 4.00
1924-S Fine 4.75
1925 Brilliant Uncirculated 7.75
1925-S Good $1.40; Abt. Fine 4.75
1927 Brilliant Uncirculated 4.50
1927-S Special prices while our supply lasts: Very Good $1.00; Fine 4.00
1928 Brilliant Uncirculated 4.00
1928-D Brilliant Uncirculated 4.00
1931-S Brilliant Uncirculated, in great demand 14.00
1934 Brilliant Uncirculated 3.00
1934-D Brilliant Uncirculated 4.00
1937-D 3-leg variety, choice EF 25.00

Jefferson type

1938 first year. Brilliant Proof 8.00
1939 Brilliant Proof 7.00
1941 Brilliant Proof 5.50

Sets of Nickels

Complete set of Liberty nickels 1883 to 1912-S. Nineteen coins are Proofs, fourteen (including 1912-D and S) are Brilliant Unc. Catalog value in the Guidebook is $797.50. A very attractive set 775.00

Set of Philadelphia mint Buffalo type nickels 1913 to 1937. Lacks 1930. Includes both 1913's. All Brilliant Uncirculated. Guidebook value $124.25. A good buy for 97.50

Complete set of Jefferson nickels 1938 to 1958, all dates and mints Brilliant Uncirculated. In album 85.00

HALF DIMES

1830 Very Fine 3.00
1832 Fine 2.75

Liberty seated type

1837 no stars. Abt. G $4.25; VG $9.00; Fine $18.50; **Brilliant Uncirculated,** choice 57.50
1838 no drapery VF $3.00; Brilliant Uncirculated 14.00
1839 no drapery. Brilliant Uncirculated 13.00
1839-O VG $1.50 Very Fine 7.50
1840 no drapery Very Good 1.00
1842 good or better 1.00
1843 VF 3.00
1848-O Good 2.00
1849 Very Good 1.00
1849-O Good, scarce date 12.00
1856 Extremely Fine 3.00
1858 Extremely Fine 2.50
1858-O VG $1.00; Brilliant Uncirculated 9.50
1863-S G-VG 5.50
1865 rare Brilliant Uncirculated 55.00
1865-S G-VG 3.75
1866-S Good 2.50
Five different dates of half dimes, Good $3.50, Fine 6.25

DIMES

1814 variety with STATESOFAMERICA crowded together as one word Scarce Fine 1.50
1832 Fine $1.50, AU with lustre 5.00
1837 Fair, clear date $3.00, F-VF 27.50
1838-O Fair $1.00, Good $14.00 Very Good 17.50
1838 Large stars Brilliant Uncirculated 17.50
1839-O Good 2.00
1840 no drapery Good 1.50
1841-O Good $1.00; Fine 2.75

1844 very rare. Very Good $1.00, Fine $2.00, **Brilliant Uncirculated.** We have never handled any 1844 fine enough to this piece. A rarity in this condition 150.00

1845-O Very Good 1.00

1849 Good $1.00, Very Fine [illegible]

1853 without arrows at date. Rare. Most of the without arrows coins were melted down in 1855 to be recoined into the lighter with arrows coins. Brilliant Uncirculated [illegible] 50

1860 Brilliant Proof $6.00

1862 Brilliant Unc. $[illegible].00, Brilliant Proof 30.00

1865 Brilliant Proof 14.00

1871 Brilliant Proof 19.50

1871-S Fine 11.50

1872 Brilliant Uncirculated 7.00

1875 no arrows. Brilliant Proof 29.00

1874 arrows. VG $8.00, AU, with full brilliance and lustre $18.00, Brilliant Proof 5.50

1877-CC Brilliant Uncirculated 6.25

1877-S choice AU 5.00

1886 Brilliant Uncirculated 5.00

1887-S Brilliant Uncirculated 7.75

1890 Brilliant Uncirculated 5.00

1891 Very Fine 1.00

1891-O Fine 2.00

1891-S Brilliant Uncirculated 8.75

Barber type

1892 Brilliant Uncirculated 6.00

1893 Proof, brilliant obverse, cloudy reverse 17.50

1893-O Brilliant Uncirculated 22.00

1895-S Brilliant Uncirculated 57.00

1895-O rare. Good 52.50

1896 Brilliant Proof 18.00

1896-S Good, scarce date 16.00

1897-O AU. An excellent buy for early 68.00

1898 Brilliant Proof 3.50

1901-S Brilliant Uncirculated, rare 56.50

1901-O Fine 3.00

1903 Brilliant Proof 3.50

1904 Brilliant Proof 28.50

1905-O Good $1.00, Fine 4.75

1907 Brilliant Proof 9.00

1911 Fine 1.00

1911-D Very Fine 1.25

1911-S Brilliant Uncirculated 18.00

1911 Brilliant Uncirculated. Special price for this issue only 8.50

1912 Brilliant Proof 1.00

1912-D Brilliant Uncirculated 6.00

1912-S [illegible] 50

1913 Brilliant Uncirculated $6.50, **Brilliant Proof**, special price for this issue only 1.50

1913-S Brilliant Uncirculated 56

1915 Brilliant Uncirculated 8.50

Mercury type

1916-D Abt. Good, sharp date and mintmark 30.00

1919 Brilliant Uncirculated 17.50

1921 Fine, scarce 15.00

1921-D Good $5.25, VG 1.50

1925 Brilliant Uncirculated 5.75

1928 Brilliant Uncirculated 1.00

1928-S AU, lustrous. Cheap for only 7.50

1930 Brilliant Uncirculated 1.25

1931 Brilliant Uncirculated, fairly scarce 12.50

1942/1 Overdate. Very Fine $65.00, EF $85.00, choice AU with full lustre 120.00

Five different BU Mercury 10¢ Cat. value over $5.00, net 2.00

TWENTY-CENT PIECES

18[illegible] Brilliant Uncirculated 1.00

1875-CC Good 6.75, Fine 11.75

1875-S Good $4.75, Fine $8.[illegible], VF $11.25, EF-AU 14.50

1876 Uncirculated, slight rubbing on field. Cheap at 2.50

1877 Brilliant Proof, slight frostiness on rev. 125.00

1878 Brilliant Proof, a really choice specimen of this date 105.00

QUARTERS

1805 VG-Fine [illegible]

1806 G-VG [illegible]

1818 Abt. Fine [illegible]

1820 Very Good [illegible]

1828 the rare and [illegible] variety with 25¢ over 50¢ on the reverse. Fine [illegible]

1828 Good [illegible]

1834 Good $[illegible], Fine 1.50

1836 Very Good [illegible]

1838 Good [illegible]

1838 bust type. Very Good [illegible]

Liberty seated type

1838 Liberty [illegible] Very Good [illegible]

1840 Fine-VF [illegible]

1841-O [illegible] VG $[illegible], VG [illegible]

1842-O Abt. Fine [illegible]

1845 Very Good [illegible]

1851-O Very Good [illegible]

1851 [illegible] VG $[illegible], Good $[illegible], VF $[illegible], Brilliant Uncirculated [illegible]

1855-O Abt. Fine 1.00
1854 arrows. Fine 3.25
1855 Abt. Fine 2.50
1856 Fine 2.00
1858 F-VF 2.50
1861 Abt Fine $2.00, EF 4.00
1873 arrows Brilliant Uncirculated 47.50
1876 Fine 1.75
1877-S the rare S over horizontal S variety. Rare, interesting engraving error Fine 67.50
1878-CC Fine 3.50
1879 Brilliant Proof Not common many coins offered as Proofs are really first strike Unc 48.50
1884 Rare date Only 8,000 coined for circulation plus 875 Proofs. Fine $12.50; Brilliant Proof 35.00
1891 VG $1.75, Very Fine 2.75

Barber type

Note Now is a good time to buy Barber dimes, quarters and half dollars. Most coins of these series are obtainable at nearly the same levels of a year or two ago.

1892-O Good $2.00, Choice brilliant AU (Barber coins we describe as AU are Uncirculated except for very slight rubbing on the cheek and other high parts) 17.50
1892-S Good $5.50 Brilliant Uncirculated 97.50
1893-O Good 1.25
1894 Brilliant Proof 31.00
1894-S Good $1.50; AU 15.00
1896 and 1897 Fine. The pair for 5.00
1896-S Good A rarity 57.50
1897 Brilliant Proof 39.00
1897-O Abt G $5.50 Good 5.00
1897-S Good 6.00
1898 Brilliant Proof 39.00
1898-O or 1898-S Good, your choice for 1.50
1900-S EF/AU Catalogs $30 EF a bargain for 22.50
1901-O Good 3.25
1905-O Good 3.00
1907 Fine $1.25; AU 1.75
1908-D Fine $1.25; Brilliant Uncirculated 11.00
1908-O Fine 4.00
1908-D Very Fine 2.25
1909-O Good 7.00
1911 Brilliant Proof 48.00
1912-S Brilliant Uncirculated. An exceptionally nice specimen of this rare date 85.00
1914 AU 6.00
1914-D Brilliant Uncirculated 11.00
1915 Brilliant Uncirculated 11.00

Liberty standing type

1917 type I VF or better $3.00; Brilliant Uncirculated 7.75
1917-D type I Brilliant Uncirculated 23.50
1918 VF $4.50, EF $12.00, AU $17.00, Brilliant Unc. 35.00
1918-D VF-EF 8.75
1919 Brilliant Uncirculated 27.50
1920 Fine 2.00
1921 scarce date. Good (last numeral in date shows) $3.50; Fine $14.00; Brilliant Uncirculated 82.50
1923 AU $4.00; Brilliant Uncirculated 8.00
1924 Fine $1.50; AU $4.00; Brilliant Uncirculated 8.75
1925 Brilliant Uncirculated 8.00
1926-D Brilliant Uncirculated 6.00
1926-S VG $1.50; Fine for 6.25
1927 AU $5.00; Brilliant Uncirculated 8.50
1928-D Brilliant Uncirculated 7.00
1929 AU $5.50; Brilliant Uncirculated 6.00
1930 EF $2.00, Brilliant Uncirculated 6.00

Washington type

1932-D Brilliant Unc rare 72.50
1936 Brilliant Uncirculated 3.00
1936-D EF $17.00, Brilliant Uncirculated 67.50
1938 Brilliant Uncirculated 18.00
1942 Brilliant Uncirculated 1.25

HALF DOLLARS

1794 Rare Fine 160.00
1795 Very Good $40.00, Fine 55.00
1802 VG $57.50, Abt Fine $47.50; a few minor pinpoint imperfections on reverse Ask to see on approval A good buy for 37.50
1806 round 6. Very Good 9.50
1807 old bust right type with heraldic eagle reverse VG $8.00, Fine $14.75, Extremely Fine with mint lustre 32.50
1809 VG-Fine $3.00 Unc brilliant, but with slight rubbing Catalogs $37.50 Unc A good buy for 20.00
1810 Very Fine 1.75
1811 small 8 Fine $1.50 EF with lustre 10.00
1812 Good $2.25; F-VF 3.95
1813 G $2.25, VG $3.50, VF $4.25, AU, minute pinpoint scratches in field 6.00

1814 VG $[illegible] Fine $4.50 Very Fine 5.25

1817 Very Fine 4.75

1818 Overdate Extremely Fine 9.75

1818 Fine $[illegible] VF $4.[illegible], EF 6.00

182[illegible] Good $2.00 Fine or better $5.25, Brilliant Uncirculated 18.00

1825 Good $2.00, Very Fine 3.75

1824 Very Fine 4.00

1825 Very Fine 4.00

1826 EF $4.50, Brilliant Uncirculated 15.00

1827 6 Overdate Choice EF 25.00

182[illegible] Very Fine $4.25, Extremely Fine 5.00

1828 Square-base 2 Very Fine 3.50

1828 Curl base 2, no knob VF [illegible]00

1829 4 Overdate VF $7.25, EF $12.50, AU, full brilliance 18.50

1829 Very Fine 3.75

1830 Very Fine $4.00, AU 6.75

1831 Fine $3.00 VF $3.50 AU $6.00, Brilliant Uncirculated 12.50

1832 Small letters VF $4.00 EF $5.00 AU 6.75

1832 Large letters VF, only one in stock 7.00

1833 Fine $3.00, EF 4.25

1834 Fine $2.[illegible]5, VF $3.50 EF $4.50, AU $6.00 Brilliant Uncirculated 11.00

1835 Fine 2.[illegible]5

1836 Very Fine $2.[illegible]5 Extremely Fine 4.25

1836 reeded edge First year of the small-size half dollar Important type coin VG $32.50 VF EF $[illegible].00 Extremely Fine 82.50

1837 EF $12.50 AU lustre 17.50

1838 Fine $3.[illegible] EF $11.00 Brilliant Unc. 37.50

1839 old type VG Fine $5.50 VF $[illegible] EF $18.00 AU 32.50

1839 new Liberty seated type Just a couple brought from Fine 50

1839 O VF EF [illegible] 3.75

1840 O VF EF 3.00

1841 VG $[illegible] VF $4.00 EF 6.2[illegible]

1841 O Very Good 2.5[illegible]

1842 O [illegible] Rare 6.50

1842 O [illegible] VG Good [illegible] 41.50

1842 O [illegible] 1.[illegible]

1843 O Very Good 2.25

1843 O Very Fine [illegible]

1844 [illegible] Fine 1.00

1844 O [illegible] 1.[illegible]

1845 Very Good $3.00 Extremely Fine 5.[illegible]

1845 O Very Good 1.50

1858 O Good 1.25

1859 S VG scratches 2.50

1861 Confederate States of America half dollar reverse mailed with the Scott token obverse Mentioned in the Guidebook on page 250 but for some reason, unpriced 4.50

1861 Brilliant Proof 60.00

1863 Brilliant Proof 60.00

1866 AU $11.00 Brilliant Proof 62.50

1867 S Abr. G $1.55, Fine $3.75, Choice Brilliant Uncirculated remarkably free of the usual bag marks Rare so nice 30.00

1868 Good 2.25

1869 VG $2.25, EF AU 6.25

1870 Very Good 2.00

1873 no arrows Closed 3 Good 2.00

1873 arrows at date AU $10.00 Brilliant Uncirculated Rare in this condition 63.50

1874 Good $3.00 Brilliant Proof 107.50

1876 Good $1.50 Fine 2.50

1876-S or 1877 VG, each 2.00

1878-S the rare variety without drapery at elbow Mentioned by Beistle in his reference not included in any of the popular catalogues VG Fine 12.50

1878-S VG $2.00 Brilliant Uncirculated 11.00

1878-CC VG 3.5[illegible]

1880 Brilliant Proof [illegible]

1880 Brilliant Proof 57.50

1881 Brilliant Proof 52.50

1882 Brilliant Proof 5[illegible].50

1883 Brilliant Proof 55.00

1883 Proof [illegible] with [illegible] [illegible] 4.50

1884 Brilliant Proof 5[illegible].00

1885 Brilliant Proof [illegible]

Barber type

1892 O [illegible] $[illegible] EF [illegible] [illegible] 1.[illegible]

1893 Fair Very [illegible] AU [illegible] 1.00

1893 Good [illegible] AU [illegible]

1894 [illegible] [illegible]

1896-S Abt G rare Clear date and mintmark	9.00
1897 Good $1.50, Extremely Fine	4.50
1897-O Abt Good, rare	9.00
1897-S Abt Good, rare	9.00
1898 Brilliant Proof	62.50
1901-O Good	1.80
1901-S Abt Good	3.75
1902-O Good or better	1.25
1903 Brilliant Proof	52.50
1903-S Good	1.75
1904-S Good	4.00
1907-D Extremely Fine	4.00
1907-O Fine $2.50, Brilliant Uncirculated	18.50
1910 Good, fairly scarce date	2.25
1911-D Brilliant Uncirculated	35.00
1912-D Fine	2.00
1912-S Fine	3.50
1913 Good or better, scarce date	7.50
1914 rare date G $8.00 VG $12.00, Brilliant Proof	435.00
1915 G-VG scarce	9.00
1915-D Fine $5.00 Brilliant Uncirculated	18.50
1915-S Fine $3.50, AU with lustre	27.50

Liberty Walking Type

1916-S Brilliant Uncirculated	85.00
1917 Brilliant Uncirculated	9.00
1917-S with obverse mintmark Brilliant Uncirculated	$65.00
1917-S on reverse VF $4.75; AU, brilliant	$2.50
1918-S Fine $5.75; VF-EF	7.00
1920 EF with lustre	5.75
1933-S Brilliant Uncirculated	39.00
1934-S Brilliant Uncirculated	57.00
1935 Brilliant Uncirculated	3.50
1935-D Brilliant Uncirculated	16.00
1936 Brilliant Uncirculated	2.35
1938 Brilliant Uncirculated	1.50
1938-D scarce Brilliant Uncirculated	15.00
1939 Brilliant Uncirculated	1.50
1939-D Brilliant Uncirculated	2.50
1940 Brilliant Uncirculated	2.25
1942 Brilliant Uncirculated	1.50
1944 Brilliant Uncirculated	1.35

Franklin Type

1948 Brilliant Uncirculated	3.50
1949 Brilliant Uncirculated, scarce date	12.75

SILVER DOLLARS

1795 new type with draped bust right A nice sharp Very Fine example	87.50
1798 Fine plus	27.50
1800 Fine	27.50
1802 Fine	30.00
1803 small 3 Fine	34.00
1860 Brilliant Uncirculated, scarce	17.50
1863 Brilliant Proof	95.00
1868 Proof with hairlines resulting from someone's not-too-careful cleaning Well worth	45.00
1870-CC Fine, a few obverse scratches Rare!	25.00
1871 Very Fine $12.00; Brilliant Uncirculated	25.00
1872 Good, a few rim imperfections	5.75
1872-S Very Good Rare, only 9,000 pieces coined	37.50

Morgan type

1878 eight tail feathers, Brilliant Proof	53.50
1878 7tf/8tf Extremely Fine	4.00
1879 Brilliant Proof	53.50
1881 Brilliant Proof	53.50
1881-S Brilliant Uncirculated	2.00
1882 Brilliant Proof	48.00
1883 Brilliant Uncirculated	2.00
1884 Brilliant Proof	58.00
1885 Brilliant Proof	51.00
1885-CC Brilliant Uncirculated	9.50
1886 Brilliant Proof	56.00
1890-O Brilliant Uncirculated	3.50
1890-S Brilliant Uncirculated	2.75
1891 Brilliant Proof	68.00
1892 Brilliant Proof	48.50
1894-S Brilliant Uncirculated	12.75
1895 Brilliant Proof One of the most popular coins in American numismatics	695.00
1898 Brilliant Uncirculated	2.00
1899 Brilliant Proof	58.00
1901 Brilliant Proof	58.00
1902 Brilliant Unc $2.25; Brilliant Proof	61.50
1903-S Brilliant Unc	12.00
1920 Wilson dollar to commemorate the opening of the Manila PI mint—in silver. Brilliant Unc	120.00

Peace type

[illegible] Brilliant Uncirculated	9.00
[illegible] Brilliant Uncirculated	2.00
[illegible] Brilliant Uncirculated	[illegible]
[illegible] D Brilliant Uncirculated	15.00
[illegible] Brilliant Uncirculated	18.00
[illegible] Brilliant Uncirculated	3.25

Set of Morgan type silver dollars 1878 to 1921. All dates and mint marks with the solitary exception of 1895. Brilliant uncirculated with the exception of the very rare pieces which are Very Fine or better. Current market value according to advertised prices in the Numismatic Scrapbook Magazine and elsewhere is over $800.00. Mounted in three National albums. An excellent buy for [illegible]

Complete set of Peace type silver dollars 1921 to 1935. All dates and mint marks. Brilliant Uncirculated. An attractive set [illegible]

TRADE DOLLARS

[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]

UNITED STATES GOLD COINS

Gold dollars

1849 Open wreath [illegible] in [illegible] of neck. Listed in the Standard Catalog and priced at $[illegible] in Uncirculated condition. Note [illegible] being "Very Rare" in the same publication on page 155. A similar coin listed in Empire Topics [illegible] sold quickly for	[illegible]
1850 Fine	[illegible]
1851 O EF with lustre	[illegible]
1855 EF	[illegible]
1855 O EF	[illegible]
1855 the scarce and popular type II EF	[illegible]
1858 Very Fine	[illegible]
1862 EF	[illegible]
1870 Scarce date. Only 6[illegible] coined. The specimen here offered is choice Brilliant Uncirculated	60.00
1882 Brilliant Proof. Only 40 coined. Rare	[illegible]
1887 Brilliant Proof	65.00
1888 Brilliant Proof	[illegible]

Three-dollar gold pieces

Our choice of date. VF EF $85.00. Brilliant Uncirculated	[illegible]

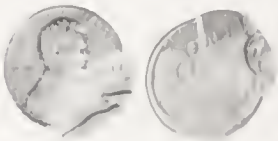
Commemorative gold

1903 Louisiana Purchase McKinley gold dollar. Brilliant Uncirculated	[illegible]
1905 Lewis and Clark gold dollar. EF scarce	[illegible]
Lewis and Clark gold half dollar token. Proof	[illegible]

California gold

18[illegible] California gold half dollar octagonal. Proof	[illegible]
California gold dollar octagonal shape. Our choice of dates. Fine [illegible] $[illegible] [illegible] VF [illegible] better	[illegible]

UNIQUE AND UNUSUAL ITEMS



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have we seen an item to compare with this. The cent (or is it a quarter?) here offered should be of interest to all mint error collectors as it is undoubtedly one of the most bizarre mint products of the past few decades. 297.50

1922 Grant with star gold dollar, illustrated above. A trial piece on an oversize brass planchet cracked at the edge from striking. Obverse design is in relief, reverse design is incuse (struck from the die hub). Trial pieces of any twentieth-century coin are extremely rare. This item is, to our knowledge, unique. It was formerly the property of S. K. Nagy of Philadelphia and appeared in the 1958 A.N.A. convention auction as lot #2012. Listed and illustrated with two separate photographs on page 239 of Dr. Judd's new pattern reference 147.50

1864 L cent double struck with the second striking half off-center. A prize mint error of one of the rarest Indian cents. Illustrated with the above plate 117.50

Unique combination of different denomination dies. This coin has the obverse of an 1806 quarter dollar, variety Browning #5 and the reverse of the S-207 1807 large cent. A large cent of 1816 or later was used as the planchet, traces remain of the design. Condition is nearly Good, most features are readily identifiable. A really weird item probably produced at the mint in later years from discarded dies. The only item we know of that is similar in nature is the coin with an 1818 quarter obverse, a large cent reverse and which is struck over another quarter. This 1818 coin is listed as Adams-Woodin #31. Our 1806/1807 coin is unlisted. It originally appeared as lot #83 of our November 26, 1958 auction where it realized $140.00. It has been re-consigned to us and is now being offered for 155.00

U. S. CURRENCY

Attributed to Friedberg numbers from Paper Money of the United States. Each note is in an acetate holder.

Legal Tender issues

F39 $1 1917 Crisp Uncirculated Low number 500 12.50

F40 $1 1923 red seal. Crisp Uncirculated 21.00

F56 $2 1880 AU Catalogs $50 Unc. 27.50

F77 $5 1880 LT, scarce note 30.00

F91 $5 1907 Crisp Unc. special price of 12.50

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F224 $1 1896. The beautiful educational note. Crisp Unc. 50.00

F229 $1 1899 Crisp Uncirculated 10.00

F237 $1 1923 scarce star note. Crisp Uncirculated 8.00

F239 $1 1923. Scarce Woods-Tate combination. Crisp Uncirculated 17.50

F318 $20 1891 EF-AU Autographed by D. N. Morgan 97.50

Federal Reserve Bank Notes

F710 $1 1918 Boston. Crisp Uncirculated 25.00

F713 $1 1918 New York. Crisp Uncirculated 12.50

F720 $1 1918 Cleveland. AU 7.50

F757 $2 1918 Cleveland. Crisp Uncirculated 17.50

F774 $2 1918 Kansas City. AU, scarce 52.50

F780 $2 1918 San Francisco. EF scarce 45.00

F782 $5 1918 New York. Crisp Uncirculated 17.50

Federal Reserve Notes (series of 1914)

F952 $20 Boston. Rare red seal note. Crisp Unc. special 90.00

F956 $20 Richmond. Abt. Fine 27.50

F925 $10 Richmond. Blue seal. Crisp Uncirculated 22.50

F983 $20 Richmond. Blue seal. Crisp Uncirculated 57.50

Following are newly described varieties a, b and c. (See Friedberg b and c are scarce)

Type set of three $10 notes. F922a, 931b, 911c. Average EF condition. The three notes 55.00

F851c $5 New York. Crisp Uncirculated 17.50

F859c $5 Cleveland. Crisp Uncirculated 20.00

F919b $10 Cleveland. Crisp Uncirculated 5.00

National Bank Notes

F380 $1 1865 First charter period. Scarce. Crisp AU. Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts 0.00

F468 $5 Second charter. Rare Burke Jordan combination. New York. Very Fine 45.00

F479 $10 Second charter. Red Bank N.J. Fine 25.00

F537 $5 1882-1908 reverse. Lawrenceville, Ind. Crisp Uncirculated 60.00

[illegible] N B [illegible] at Bellefontaine EF 17 50

[illegible] $10 [illegible] Dime [illegible] Elk Co N B Ridgway P EF 4 50

[illegible] $5 1882 [illegible] Spencer N B Mass AU 30 00

[illegible] $5 [illegible] Dan [illegible] N B Concord N H VF EF 12 50

[illegible] $5 [illegible] N B at [illegible] Bottineau Crisp Uncirculated 15 00

[illegible] $10 Ind charter red seal Citizens N B Milford Ohio Rare [illegible] VF EF 5 50

[illegible] $10 Ind charter N B of Newbury at Wells River Vt AU 22 50

[illegible] $10 Ind Charter Annapolis Md VF 35 00

[illegible] $20 Ind Charter Farmers N B at Beaver Falls Penna Nice [illegible] (in office to get [illegible] days) VF 57 50

Sets of Currency

Set of two $10 Second charter Two diff reverse designs 1890 Issued by AU Oil Perkiomen Pa bank 150 00

Set of two $10 brown backs both 1882 on N B of Commerce N Y Obverse of one shows Abe Bank Note Co in letters frame as in first quarter notes other shows Bureau of Engraving and Printing I P Morgan sig as president on other side Cat $150 100 00

Small Size Notes

[illegible] $1 [illegible] Legal tender Crisp Unc [illegible]

[illegible] $5 [illegible] Legal tender Crisp Unc [illegible]

[illegible] $5 [illegible] Legal tender EF crisp 22 50

[illegible] $5 [illegible] Legal tender Crisp Unc 17 50

[illegible] $5 [illegible] Legal tender Crisp [illegible] 10 00

[illegible] $10 [illegible] Silver cert Choice AU [illegible] 150 00

[illegible] $10 [illegible] Silver cert Stiff [illegible] EF 15 00

[illegible] $10 National Bank note Scarce [illegible] Crisp Uncirculated 1 50

[illegible] $10 National [illegible] N B Baltimore Crisp Unc [illegible]

[illegible] $10 National [illegible] N B Bath [illegible] EF [illegible]

[illegible] $10 [illegible] N B [illegible] Warren Inc Crisp Uncirculated [illegible]

[illegible] $10 [illegible] Lack [illegible] [illegible] 5 50

[illegible] HAWAII Gem [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] HAWAII [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] Alaska [illegible] [illegible]

Uncut Sheet

F170 $5 Second charter Ashland Ky Uncut sheet of four notes EF (has been folded) Rare [illegible]

Cut Sheet

F350 $1 1929 Woods Late Four notes Scarce [illegible]

Confederate Items (by Criswell nos.)

Cr 286 $2 1861 Extremely Rare Very Good 600 00

Cr 16 $50 1861 EF With discrepant serial nos [illegible]

Cr 5 $10 Mississippi 1862 VF 5 50

Cr 119 $20 North Carolina 1861 Crisp Unc 5 50

CSA treasury receipt for 1864 bonds Charleston Blue paper Unusual Crisp Unc 10 00

CSA documents 1862 and 1863 quartermasters invoices for hay, supplies, etc On official CSA forms, filled in by hand EF Each 3 5

Uncut sheet of twenty-four $1 Southern Orphan Assoc 1867 for benefit of widows and orphans of so states Signed and numbered Rare 25 00

Photographic Miniatures

Miniatures (5¼" by 1⅜") of large size currency Issued with govt authorization as souvenirs and counterfeit detectors Realized $20 per item in recent ANA sale Set of Legals $1, $5, $20 $50, $500 $1000 and set of 1st charter Notes $1, $2 $5, $50, $500, $1000 Twelve pieces Gem EF Scarce 15 00

BANK NOTES, STATE NOTES, ETC.

The following notes are in Very Fine or better condition without tears or repairments Unless noted as unused, items are signed and numbered.

Florida $5 1860 Bank of St Johns 5 50
$5 1862 State of Florida Criswell [illegible] 8 50

Georgia $5 1840 The Monroe Rail Road 8 50
$10 1863 State of Georgia Cr [illegible] [illegible]

Illinois $10 1854 Bank of Cairo (Kaskaskia) [illegible]
$5 1841 State Bank of Illinois at Lockport [illegible]

Iowa $2 1858 Farmers Bank of D [illegible] [illegible]

Maine $5 1832 Eastern Bank (Eastport) [illegible]

Mass $5 1830 Lee Counties Bank V G [illegible]

Minn Several $1 [illegible] Dakota Bank (St Paul) [illegible]

Miss $5 [illegible] West Tennessee R R C [illegible]

Nebraska Several $1 $5 $10 [illegible] Bank of Dakota [illegible]
Several $1 $5 $10 [illegible] Bank of [illegible] [illegible]

Nevada $20 1877 Manhattan Silver Mining Co. Unc., numbered but unsigned. 15.00

New York $5 1809 Farmers Bank of Troy Marked "counterfeit" and thusly noted by many signatures on reverse Interesting! 17.50

$1 1817 Bank of Hudson. Early note 7.50

Ohio $1 1841 Lebanon Miami Banking Co. 8.00

$1 1817 Jefferson Bank of New Salem 8.50

$50 1850 Columbus & Lake Erie R.R. bond 6.00

$2 Ohio Post Note, Cincinnati Unc unused 6.00

Penna. $1 1861 Northwestern Bank (Warren) 6.50

$5 1861 Same bank as above. Unc. 7.00

$10 1841 The Towanda Bank 7.00

$100 1841. The Northampton Bank 14.00

5c 1862 Treasurer of Venango County 6.50

Rhode Island $5 1858 The Warwick Bank 6.00

South Carolina $10 1858 Bank of Camden VG 5.50

Tenn. $10 1852 Memphis Savings Institution 11.00

Vermont. $10 Bank of Bennington Never used. Unc 5.50

$1 1859 Missisquoi Bank (Sheldon) 7.50

$5 Windham County Bank (Brattleboro) Unused, Unc 11.00

$50 1862 Virginia Treasury Note Cr #7 6.00

Virginia $5 James River & Kanawha Co unused, Unc 8.00

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Special individual Civil War cents and specialized groups.

#7 Civil War cent designed by Lovett and using the same obverse design as used on his rare and famous 1861 Confederate States of America cent VF $2.00 Brilliant Uncirculated (scarce) 5.00

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#9 Civil War cent struck in copper-nickel Brilliant Uncirculated, scarce 7.50

#10 Civil War cent struck in white metal Brilliant Uncirculated, scarce 6.75

#11 Civil War cent struck in silver. Brilliant Uncirculated, extremely rare 17.50

#12 Civil War cent struck over a regular U.S. Indian copper-nickel cent Indian cent design still visible Extremely rare a real "conversation piece" 27.50

#13 Civil War cent struck in silver using a U.S. dime for a planchet Original dime design still visible The rarest of the rare in the Civil War cent series 105.00

#14 Civil War cent struck in brass Brilliant Uncirculated 5.50

#15 The two well-known Civil War cent die errors (1) THE FEDERAL UNION IT MUST AND SHALL BY (instead of BE) PRESERVED, and (2) IF ANYONE ATTEMPTS TO TEAR IT DOWN SHOOT THEM ON THE SPOOT (instead of SPOT) Two of the most interesting items in the series The pair, VF or better 50

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#18 Twenty-five different Civil War cents from Michigan FF or better [illegible]

#19 One hundred different Civil War cents from Michigan FF or better 112.50

#20 Twenty-five different Civil War cents from Ohio FF or better 5.00

#21 One hundred different Civil War cents from Ohio FF or better 112.50

#22 Twenty-five different Civil War cents from Indiana FF or better [illegible]

#23 One hundred different Civil War cents from Indiana FF or better [illegible]

[illegible] Museum [illegible] exhibition of the [illegible] offered Civil War [illegible] [illegible] New England [illegible] the [illegible] Confederate [illegible] [illegible] Civil War [illegible] [illegible] many different [illegible] [illegible] interesting [illegible] [illegible] Civil War [illegible] [illegible] Very Fine to Extremely Fine [illegible] A magnificent collection [illegible] [illegible]

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1895 Barber dime. Brilliant Proof. Rare — 187.50

1897-S Barber dime. Brilliant Uncirculated — 85.50

1901-S Barber dime. Brilliant Uncirculated. One of the most difficult dates to obtain in this description — [illegible]

1905-S Barber dime. Brilliant Uncirculated — [illegible]

Set of Mercury dimes 1916-1945 complete except for the veri date. Abt. Good to Fine — [illegible]

[illegible] Quarter. [illegible]

1855-O Quarter. Brilliant Uncirculated. Extremely rare in this condition 275.00

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1913 Half dollar. Brilliant Proof, rare date 187.50

1915-D Half dollar. Brilliant Uncirculated 28.50

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A SKETCH OF THE CIVIL WAR CENT SERIES

by

Q. DAVID BOWERS

The few [illegible] years of the Civil War, particularly 1863 and 1864, produced a series of coins which in the number of different types and varieties struck, eclipses the entire past and present coinage of the United States mints. We are referring to those tokens of one cent [illegible] popularly known as Civil War cents.

Civil War cents were born of necessity. During the middle years of the war between the states the "greenback" notes of the federal government were selling at various discounts from face value in terms of gold. As a result the available gold coins were soon taken from [illegible] to be hoarded or to be sold only at substantial premiums. To the consternation of Congress the public became increasingly skeptical of the paper currency and continued to hoard [illegible] money in even greater amounts. As soon as there were no more gold coins to be obtained attention was turned to silver and copper coins. It was not very long until these coins too were scarce in circulation. Various merchants and commercial interests then capitalized on the public demand for metallic currency and began to issue their own money in the form of tokens—Civil War cents. These pieces found ready acceptance and circulated for the value of one cent.

A few of the many Civil War Cent types

Civil War [illegible] [illegible] New York [illegible]

[illegible]

NOT in the smallest possible letters above ONE CENT on the reverse.

Engravers of other Civil War cents made no effort to copy the United States design. Rather they appealed to the public's sense of patriotism with political and historical designs. Thus it is that George Washington and Abraham Lincoln each appear on a number of varieties. The apt expression, THE FEDERAL UNION: IT MUST AND SHALL BE PRESERVED originally from the Jackson administration over thirty years earlier, found use on a wide variety of Civil War cents. An interesting error was created on one of these when a careless diecutter substituted BY for BE. For want of something to fill the space on the reverse of certain issues various other patriotic phrases were used. ONE COUNTRY, FREEDOM: UNION FOREVER, NO COMPROMISE WITH TRAITORS, UNITED COUNTRY, OUR NAVY, OUR ARMY, GOD PROTECT THE UNION and PEACE FOREVER are just a few of the many such inscriptions. Recognizable as coming from elsewhere in the numismatic past are MILLIONS FOR DEFENCE — NOT ONE CENT FOR TRIBUTE (used on Hard Times tokens c. 1837) and VALUE ME AS YOU PLEASE (from the Higley threepence pieces of colonial Connecticut.)

According to tradition, in February, 1861 when the Confederate forces were approaching the Union flag flying above the U. S. mint at New Orleans an order by a Union officer was given: "If anyone attempts to tear it down, shoot him on the spot." This became the reverse legend of a large group of Civil War cents using the American flag in a circle of stars as the obverse design. The sometimes encountered die error of this type reading SHOOT HIM ON THE SPOOT is laughable.

The "SPOOT" and "BY" errors

Many Civil War cents bear no loyal or patriotic designs at all. These usually have a shield, Indian head, eagle or some other device for the obverse and the name and location of a merchandising firm on the reverse. Sometimes the entire coin is devoted to advertising. In such cases the obverse of a coin issued by an undertaker may bear a coffin, a mortar and pestle for a druggist, a stove for a hardware dealer and so on. The Civil War series is resplendent with hundreds of fascinating and unusual designs covering many different types of businesses. We find that in the single city of Detroit, Michigan Civil War cents were issued by a grocer, coffee mill, furrier, hotel, baker, fish depot, dry goods store, butcher, hardware dealer, clothing shop, leather store, painter, flour mill, tobacconist, news dealer, roofing contractor, shoe store, liquor store, bookseller, trunk manufacturer and even by a photographer.

Civil War Cents issued by merchants

[illegible] of Civil War cents are known to numismatists [illegible] N. G. [illegible] & Company of Philadelphia, S. Stanfield of New York City and White the Hatter [illegible] of New York City [illegible] dated [illegible] postage stamps during the same period.

Civil War cents were issued in the greatest quantities by interests in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Michigan and New York. One of the most frequently found Civil War cents is that of Gustavus Lindenmueller, a New York City saloonkeeper. One million of these pieces were struck. Civil War cents from some of the other states are rare. Only one type each is known from Kansas, Maryland, New Hampshire and Virginia. Of the eleven states in the Confederacy only two, Alabama and Virginia, are remembered in the Civil War cent series.

Most Civil War cents were struck on thin copper or bronze planchets. The next most popular metal was brass, followed by nickel, white metal, lead and zinc. It has been our past experience that about 90% of the coins found in unassorted lots of Civil War cents are [illegible] copper. Most are with plain edges. Copper-nickel specimens are fairly scarce. Occasionally these are found struck over U. S. Indian cents. Silver pieces are very rare and those which are struck over U. S. dimes are extremely so. We have never seen a Civil War cent struck in gold, although a piece struck over a quarter eagle has been reported. There doesn't seem to have been much point or profit in issuing Civil War cents in rare metals or even in striking them over U. S. flying eagle and Indian cents. As most of these illogical pieces known today are in uncirculated condition it may be supposed that they were intended as [illegible] pieces. Their rarity today tends to verify this.

Other types of Civil War Cents including the attractive Lovett design (fifth coin in the top row).

[illegible]

[illegible]

ficant amounts (twelve specimens of the cent and four of the half dollar) and were never circulated.

The Civil War cents are unrivalled from the standpoint of historical background, number of different types available and low cost. A paragraph from the introduction to *Civil War Tokens and Tradesmen's Cards* published in 1924 by George Hetrich and Julius Guttag, the foremost early students of these coins, is of interest. "A little attention given these coins will repay the collector. An interest in these pieces is soon aroused and easily maintained, and it will not be long before one discovers that the addition of a new variety to his collection will be attended with as much satisfaction as the acquisition of a new variety of the more pretentious series of United States coins."

COIN QUIZ

Descriptive clues identifying well-known U. S. rarities are given below. From the information given see how many you can correctly name. A score of 3-5 correct is Good, 6-8 Excellent. A score of 9 or 10 will rate you in the "expert" class. Answers are given at the end.

(1) According to mint reports 10,000 were coined, however fewer than two dozen are known today. This rarity is of a denomination that was coined for only four years.

(2) This was the first coin of its denomination to be struck at a branch mint. It has been said that only twenty specimens were coined, these to test a coining press. The identifying mintmark is on the obverse.

(3) There are two varieties of this coin usually referred to as "originals" and "restrikes" and distinguished by differences in the reverses. The first specimen known to collectors was that which Matthew Stickney obtained from the Mint in 1843.

(4) The only known specimen reposes in the cabinet of a prominent Maryland collector. Another specimen was supposedly placed in the cornerstone of the U. S. Mint in San Francisco; this coin is not now located. The date and mintmark both are on the reverse.

(5) The distinguishing feature of this coin appears directly above the date on the obverse of the coin. The four known specimens of this rarity are all well worn. An article concerning these four pieces appeared in Empire Topics #8.

(6) The U. S. Mint collection houses the only known specimen of this coin. This mid-nineteenth century coin represents the first year of a new denomination. Over fifty years ago an offer of $35,000 for this coin was made by a collector. The offer was refused.

(7) By all standards this is the rarest mintmarked silver coin after 1873. Only twenty-four pieces were coined in all, of this amount only seven or eight are known today.

(8) The existence of this coin was first generally known to collectors when Col. E. H. R. Green exhibited five pieces at the 1920 A. N. A. convention. Since that time this coin, due to great publicity, has become one of the best known American rarities—especially to the non-collecting public. Many collectors dislike the ersatz nature of this coin arising from its secret and unofficial manufacture.

(9) Although the Mint records indicate that 17,796 pieces were coined, only three are known today. One of these is in the Mint collection. The only gold coins minted in this year were of this denomination.

(10) This rarity was coined in the last year of a series that lasted only thirteen years. The coinage of the last seven years is limited to Proofs only. Five pieces, evidently representing the entire coinage of the year in question, were put on the market in 1908. As they were coined clandestinely and as no records were kept we know little concerning their origin.

Answers to Coin Quiz, famous rarities: (1) 1876-CC 20c, (2) 1858-O 50c, (3) 1804 dollar, (4) 1870-S $3 gold, (5) 1793 strawberry leaf cent, (6) 1849 $20 gold, (7) 1894-S 10c, (8) 1913 Liberty nickel, (9) 1822 $1 gold, (10) 1885 trade dollar.

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